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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HIROYUKI EBINUMA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: DUFFY, P.
SERIAL NO: 10/575,711 :
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FOR: METHOD OF PRETREATING :
SAMPLE AND IMMUNOLOGICAL
ASSAY METHOD USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed August 5, 2008 Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-4 and 9-12 drawn to methods of pretreating an immunological sample and methods of immunological assay.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Groups II and III, Claims 5-9 and 13, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.